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In June 1954 additional difficulties in the supply of materials arose
in connection with the New Construction and Repair Program for the
Warnow-Werft (shipyard) in Warnemuende:

Priority Work on the ADMIRAL NAKHIMOV: On 10 June 1954, it was decided that 100
finished cabins should be ripped open again because the pipes, which had
previously been attached to wood, had to be fixed with metal fasteners. At
a meeting of the management held on 18 June 1954, it was disclosed that,
among other things, the test-stand trial of the steering engine had shown
that the bronze supporting bases did not meet the
requirements. These bases were to be replaced by new ones, but the material
needed could not be obtained for some time. It therefore was impossible
to give any dates of delivery for the material or a date of completion of
the steering engine. A total of 500 meters of 159 by 6, 159 by 5 and 191
by 6 tubes needed for finishing work in the boiler rooms was also lacking
and the delivery date uncertain.

Priority task SOVIETSKI SOYUZ: 24 motors for the 48 twin davits
for 100 boats proved unserviceable. All motors ran hot during the test runs.
It was not known whether wrong calculations or poor copper alloys
were the causes of the failure. An investigation was being considered.

Floating-crane pontoons: 50-ton pontoon. The target date of 20 July 1954 could
not be met because the material needed had not arrived by 5 July 1954. The
material lacking included 36 tons of 8-mm sheets, 65 tons of 12-mm
sheets and 10 tons of 18-mm sheets. The supply of 8-mm sheets was cancelled
under the distribution plan for the second quarter of 1954 issued by HV
Schiffbau (Main Shipbuilding Administration). It is probable that these 8-mm sheets
will not be delivered during the third quarter of 1954. The distribution plan
provided for the delivery of 57 tons of 12-mm sheets during the second quarter
of 1954, which does not suffice for the construction of these pontoons. If the
distribution plan for the second quarter of 1954 could be carried out, the
need for 12-mm sheets would be met.

50-ton pontoon (target fixed for 5 September 1954): It was stipulated that
the material needed would arrive by 20 May 1954. Yet it seemed that 172 tons
of 8-mm sheets, 106 tons of 12-mm sheets, 103 tons of 10-mm sheets had
not arrived at the time. No 8-mm sheets or 12-mm sheets would be delivered according
to the

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distribution plan of Shipbuilding Main Administration for the second quarter of 1954. Most of the 20-mm sheets would be delivered if the distribution plan could be carried out. No flat steel was contained in the distribution plan for the second quarter of 1954. Its delivery therefore cannot be expected for the present.

15-ton floating crane pontoons. An extension of 4 weeks on the delivery time for each of pontoons Nos 1 through 3 was requested on the grounds that the material had arrived too late. No new target was fixed for pontoons Nos 4 and 5 because it was not yet known whether certain components would arrive from Rechlin in time. It was believed that the target could not be met by Rechlin.

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